

## MILE RECORD IS RAPIDLY NEARING THE HUMAN LIMIT

Norman Taber's Mark May Stand as Long as the Figures He Broke.

CUT IN LAST 100 YEARS 38 SECONDS

First Miler of Note Was Powell, an English Runner, Who Did 5 Min. 5 Secs. in 1778.

Whether another twenty-nine years will elapse before Norman Taber's record for the one-mile run, made at the Harvard Stadium a week ago, is eclipsed, is a question which has been asked many times in the last ten days, and left unanswered just as often. Taber's wonderful time is the fastest ever recorded, but the fact that the difference between it and the record made by W. G. George in 1886 is measured only by three-tenths of a second, and seems to furnish ample proof that, after all, man has a speed limit which knows little advance through the ages unless assisted by some mechanical aid. Apart from training, the only aid which a man can receive in running a race against time is from the condition of the path on which he runs, and that is something which is almost humanly impossible to measure.

Perhaps men in the past have run a mile quite as fast as Taber and George, but the records which have been handed down date back not quite a century, and a half, so that it will never be known just how fast the Greek runner in the ages of Pericles and Socrates or the Roman athlete in the time of the Caesars ran the equivalent of the English mile.

The oldest time on record is that made by P. Powell in 1778, in England. He ran a mile in 5 min. 5 sec. 2, a professional athlete, but one's ability to run is not dependent on whether he is running as a professional or an amateur.

The first man on record to run a mile under five minutes was Captain Barclay, who was timed in 4:59 in 1804, so that in a century an advance of thirty-eight seconds has been made. After Barclay's time for running a mile was cut down gradually, although it was the professional and not the amateur runner who held the lowest record until Taber ran his mile.

This is best shown by the following table:

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In England there is an unofficial record that Lang, the professional runner, ran a mile in 4 minutes 10 seconds, but that, of course, was never authenticated and does not stand as a record. There were many who contended that Lang was capable of such a performance.

Of the records listed all were made in England with the exception of the four amateur marks by Connelley, Taber, Jones and his own, is shown by this analysis, which compares the times for each quarter mile.

NAME	1st Q.	2nd Q.	3rd Q.	4th Q.	Total
Connelley	1:10	1:10	1:10	1:10	4:40
Taber	1:08	1:08	1:08	1:08	4:32
Jones	1:08	1:08	1:08	1:08	4:32
Lang	1:08	1:08	1:08	1:08	4:32

Of the four George made a quarter mile in 1:08, a time which would have been under 4:12 with-out saying.

Looking at Taber's marks, it is easy to criticize and remark that better speed in the second and third quarter was in fact brought his final mark down. But Taber ran his race as he had planned, and the fact that he was able to finish with such a whirlwind sprint is ample proof that he did it wisely and as best suited himself.

Yachtsmen in all parts of the country who have read of this season's racing between the big sloops, the Vanitie and Vanitie, for the honor of defending the America's Cup, will doubtless watch with increased interest the performance of these two yachts off Newport this week.

The Resolute's sail has been materially changed since her last race on the Sound at Larchmont on July 17. The herreshoffs have also changed her mast and some of her other spars and removed the bowsprit, so that when she appears at the starting line off Brenton Reef Lightship to-morrow morning she will have a single, instead of a double, head rig.

Whether this will reduce or add to her sail area is not known at present, but it is understood that she will still receive an allowance of time from the Vanitie. That yacht has also undergone some changes at Jacobs' yard, City Island, since her last race. Just what the changes are only those in charge of the yacht know.

Three races are scheduled to be sailed over thirty-mile courses off Newport beginning to-morrow morning. The second and third will be sailed on Tuesday and Wednesday, respectively, weather permitting. The race committee, it is understood, is to be quartered on Board former Commodore Frederick G. Boorne's steam yacht, the Albert.

An important race to be sailed in local waters this week is the twenty-second annual regatta of the Indian Harbor Yacht Club, on Saturday, July 21. The starting signal that day for the "fifties" will be at 2:10 p. m. Richard A. Monks, Henry C. Pelton and Abbott P. Brush, the race committee, have provided for twenty-nine

## Games Scheduled for the Week

Southern Section—July 26, Cherry Market, at Hamilton Fish; July 29, Columbus, at Corleas.  
Central Section—July 26, John Jay, at Central Ninety-ninth; July 27, Yorkville, at Thomas Jefferson.  
Eastern Section—July 27, East Seventeenth Street, at St. Gabriel's; July 29, Queensboro, at Sixty-seventh Street and First Avenue.  
Western Section—July 26, Chelsea, at West Fifty-ninth Street; July 27, De Witt, at River.  
Northern Section—July 26, Bennett, at Carmansville; July 27, Reservoir, at Astor.

## PLAYGROUND NINE REACH THE FINAL ROUND OF TILT

Mintz, of Tompkins Square Middlets, Pitches a No-Hit, No-Run Game.

The playground baseball teams are competing in the annual interpark tournament that is being conducted by the Bureau of Recreation, Department of Parks, have reached the final round of the fixture.

More than 1,000 teams in the three classes for 85, 105 and 120 pound boys started in the elimination round of the fixture. All the contests in the five sections of the tournament have been of the keenest, and the instructors at the various playgrounds look forward to the keenest final round in the history of the fixture.

There was plenty of action on the diamonds last week. The games were hard fought in the main, with plenty of hard hitting to give things up. Mintz, the pitcher of the 85-pound team from Tompkins Square Park, carried off the honors with a no-hit game against the East 67th Street boys to his credit.

Mullaly, who did the twirling for the defeated team, allowed only one hit, but that, coupled with four errors, let in two runs in the fifth inning. In the other game at Tompkins Square Park Breger, of the home team, shut out the 105-pound East 67th Street boys, letting them down with two hits. The results of the games last week follow:

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## VANDERBILT SALE SHOWS THE HORSE IS STILL KING

Fanciers Look Forward to Successful Show in Autumn.

NEW INTEREST IN ALL PARTS OF COUNTRY

Exhibition at Long Branch Will See First of Brady Lot Shown in Ring.

When James Cox Brady, son of the late Anthony N. Brady, stepped into the ring and paid \$9,525 for three harness horses and a pony at the dispersal sale of Alfred G. Vanderbilt's stable horse fanciers were reminded of the old saying that whenever one exhibitor drops out there are always two new ones ready to take his place.

As president of the National Horse Show Association, a leader in coaching on both sides of the Atlantic and a generous patron of all amateur sports in which the harness horse figured, Mr. Vanderbilt was justly regarded as one of the foremost American horse fanciers, and it was natural that when he lost his life on the Lusitania there was some fear of a crisis in the affairs of New York's fashionable exhibition at Madison Square Garden and in the consequences of his absence as an exhibitor at many other American horse shows.

But Judge William H. Moore and others met the situation at the Garden by promptly purchasing Mr. Vanderbilt's stock and electing E. T. Stotesbury, head of the Philadelphia banking house of Drexel, Morgan & Co., to succeed him as president. So, too, when Mr. Vanderbilt's horses were thrown on the market fresh recruits came forward and bought all the best ones to exhibit under new ownership at the Garden next November.

In this instance there were literally two new exhibitors to take the place of the one whose untimely death has occasioned world-wide regret among horsemen, for Alfred G. Vanderbilt, of St. Louis, was a contender bidder for every horse purchased by Mr. Brady, and was himself the successful bidder for Mr. Vanderbilt's favorite harness mare, Lady Warley, an imported English hackney that came out in the novice class at Newport last season and afterward won blue ribbons at Brooklyn, White Plains and St. Louis, was a daughter of Edmundo, sire of Judge Moore's international champion, Lady Seaton. Mr. Busch has been elected president of the new St. Louis Horse Show Society, and it is now heralded as a coming world's championship of hackneys to form a strong stable of high stepping for exhibition at Madison Square Garden and other leading shows. Besides Lady Warley, he bought the recently imported English mare, Lady Ursula, a promising four-year-old, Stamford Lillie, bred by Mr. Vanderbilt and counted on by him to do something sensational at the coming year's show.

Mr. Brady exhibited a few hunters last fall at the Morrisstown Fair Club's local show, but it was not until this season that he began to buy and show horses in the open market. His first notable purchase was Irvington, a bantam hackney horse, for which he paid \$5,000 to W. D. Henry, a wealthy Queensbury resident, who had been a member of the club since 1908. This year he is only 132 hands high, swept the ring at the Devon Horse Show in May, beating the noted English pony, Horace, Jr., champion of the last year's show.

Encouraged by his success, Mr. Brady paid a long price at Devon for the recently imported English mare, Peacock Sensation, and Primrose Whitegate, a promising four-year-old. These and his more recent purchases at the Vanderbilt sale have been entered at this week's horse show at Long Branch.

East and Holcroft, a pair for which he paid \$4,000 at the Vanderbilt sale, are in the novice class, never having been shown in England or America. They are beautiful little bays, 14.2 hands high, by Mathias, the sire of Clarence H. Mackay's Land o' Burns and Judge Moore's Radiant, the latter horse having been the grand champion of the International show at Madison Square Garden last year.

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Charles E. Cox, of Philadelphia, who bid up to \$2,500 for Flame, added a promising little mare to his stable by the purchase of Lucia, a chestnut by Tiger Lillie out of old Lucille. This one was bred by Mr. Vanderbilt, and her dam was one of the first show horses ever owned.

Mr. Brady's next exhibitor at the horse shows, yet his first attempt to win a ribbon was only four years ago. Since then, and particularly in the last year, he has assembled a superb team of champions, and it will be hard to beat, even in England. Tisiphone, Amity and Belle Melbourne, a pair of bay mares, were called the best of their inches in England, and were winners at the International show. They will be seen at Long Branch this week, along with a lot of others from Mr. Cox's Williamsbrook Farm.

Breeders of fine harness horses are feeling jubilant over the result of the recent sale. Nearly everybody thought it would be a slaughter, owing to the fact that it was held in the middle of July, always the worst month of the year to sell harness horses. Instead of being a failure, it was really the most successful sale of the kind in five years in New York.

Thirty-three horses, many of them merely ordinary "working horses," were sold in Kentucky to distinguish them from show horses, brought \$25,675, an average of \$775, while the eighteen hackneys among them made \$19,970, an average of \$1,109. Grays bulgionely to raise horses at these prices, and the men who are breeding and showing believe it will pay still better by the time the colts foaled this year are old enough to exhibit.

FRANK DOLE WILL JUDGE Terriers at Syracuse Will Have a Test.

As with the horse show, the directors of the New York State Fair at Syracuse plan to enlarge and feature the show of dogs, to be held on September 15, 16 and 17. The official list of judges is short, but very important. Frank Dole will judge Airedales, Foxes, Irish, Scottish, West Highland white and Manchester terriers; Mrs. Albert Brennan, of Buffalo, Boston terriers; A. C. Clure, of Grays, bulldogs; French bulldogs and Pekingese, and James Mortimer, all other breeds and the undersized specials.

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## A Favorite Breed and One Likely to Attract Dog Fanciers



Mrs. G. Connors with her Boston terrier, Buster.

## New York Girls Hard at Work for Long Swim

George Esselborn Has Hopes of Setting a New Record to Sandy Hook.

Several girl swimmers of the National Women's Lifesaving League will take part in the 17½-mile Marathon race to be held in the Delaware River over the Chester-Philadelphia courses. Five of them, Misses Edna Cole, Lucy Freeman, Elsie Sultan, Rita Greenfield and Dora Hyatt, have been practicing the treading water stroke in Alford's bath, at Eighty-fourth Street, for the last few days. They are now training daily in the open water at Sheepshead Bay. A sixth, Miss Martha Hagstad, holder of the five-mile league championship, has been doing preparatory work indoors at the local committee of the Southampton Kennel Club, who will be the guests at dinner of the club's directors in recognition of the activity of the village board in promoting the success of the dog show on July 10.

Speeches will be under the ban, yet Henry G. Trevor, the retiring president; Harry Pelham Robbins, who has been promoted from the vice-presidency to succeed him, and Frank E. Dole, superintendent and originator of the two Southampton dog shows, will all have something to say.

The police for the 1916 show, already mapped out again, includes the missionary work of seeking to advance through local classes the community interest in breeding and exhibiting fine dogs, and will be discussed at the show.

That but one judge is to adjudicate in the unclassified specials and variety classes will also be announced, and then there will be a presentation of the dog show on July 10, to be chosen from the members of the local committee.

Trevor feels that he has launched the dog show successfully, and it is now up to others to bond to the cause. The new officers are: President, Harry Pelham Robbins; vice-president, Rufus L. Patterson; secretary, Henry D. Whitfield, and treasurer, George Barton French. Mrs. Peter B. Wyckoff was chosen chairman of the committee of arrangements, and she will be assisted by Mrs. Harry W. McVicker, whom she succeeds; Miss Zella de Milbau, Mrs. P. E. Chambers, Mrs. G. Warrington Curtis and Mrs. Harry Pelham Robbins.

The patronesses will be representative of the cottagers and permanent, and will include Mrs. Henry G. Trevor, Mrs. Goodhue Livingston, Mrs. T. Morris Carnegie, Mrs. J. Lorimer Worden, Mrs. Sydney S. Reese, Mrs. Henry D. Whitfield, Mrs. Charles Steele, Mrs. George Barton French, Mrs. Henry H. Rogers, and Mrs. Rufus L. Patterson.

The show of the Ashbury Park Kennel Club, on September 22 and 23, will be in the Beach Casino, a glass-enclosed building that is a fine stage for a pleasure resort congress of fanciers whether held in sunshine or stormy weather.

James Mortimer will again superintend the dog show at Danbury, on October 6 to 8, to be featured for the thirty-second year by the Danbury Agricultural Society in connection with its fair. He will also be the principal founder of the Boston show, which will again be held in Thanksgiving week.

The Long Islanders will be Vernon Castle, of Manhasset, German shepherd dogs; George Brock, Fox terriers, and Mrs. E. S. Allard, of Kew-Forest, for Brussels Griffons, toy black and tan terriers, Chihuahuas and Italian greyhounds.

The New Yorkers are John F. Colston, bulldogs; Alva Rosenberg, Boston terriers, which arrangements are under the direction of the club; Miss Lena Schilling, Pomeranians; A. Post, English toy spaniels, and Mrs. William Thompson, Yorkshire terriers.

Rossmans Move to the Country

James Gardner Rossmann, president of the Dog Lovers' Protective Association of America, Inc., and his wife, who is president of the Maltese Terrier Club of America, have moved from Brooklyn to their country place near Round Brook, N. Y.

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## THIBET SPANIEL A BREED NEW TO UNITED STATES

Pfizer Kennels Contain Five Specimens of Asiatic Dog.

RESEMBLE SEVERAL WELL KNOWN TYPES

Are Considered Progenitors of Pekingese, Pomeranians and English Toys.

A fluffy and active spaniel from Thibet and the forbidden city of Lhasa was introduced to New Yorkers through the medium of the miscellaneous classes at the last Westminster and charity dog shows. There are not over a dozen of this breed in the United States, and they range in size from miniature toys to that of a cocker spaniel. All are in the kennels of Mr. and Mrs. Charles Pfizer, at Gladstone, N. J.

New breeds are of infrequent discovery in these days of many dog shows, and with eighty-nine recognized now by the American Kennel Club for which classes may be provided there seems no crying need for more. Yet the odd in types must always be expected, whenever a strange country is opened to the travelers. The Thibet spaniel was brought from Asia to Great Britain by English army officers, and those in the kennels of Mr. and Mrs. Pfizer were a gift from their son-in-law, who is a British officer.

There were five of them at the charity dog show, ranging in coats from solid black to white, and in particular, of which the most exceptional and smartest looking specimen was a blue and white, rather a peculiar combination. The owner prefers to term the type gray and white, and to look over the quietest of dandy spaniels, each one differing from the other, was